

**Act No. 143 (S.245). Health; hospitals; health care providers; Medicaid; Attorney General; Green Mountain Care Board**

**An act relating to notice to patients of new health care provider affiliations**

This act requires the Green Mountain Care Board to maintain a policy for reviewing new physician acquisitions and transfers, including requiring hospitals to provide notice to each patient served by the acquired or transferred physician, as part of the Board's hospital budget review process. The act requires each hospital to provide notice to the Attorney General at least 90 days before a transaction through which the hospital will acquire a medical practice. It prohibits the Department of Vermont Health Access from using provider-based billing for outpatient medical services provided at an off-campus outpatient department of a hospital as a result of a provider's transfer to or acquisition by the hospital and requires the Green Mountain Care Board to report on whether to expand the prohibition to commercial health insurers. It also requires the Green Mountain Care Board to provide copies of each health insurer's implementation plan for fair and equitable reimbursement amounts for professional services provided by academic medical centers and by other professionals, and to report on the Board's progress toward achieving the fair and equitable reimbursement amounts.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 25, 2016